Mr. Deputy-Speaker, Sir, this is regarding Srisailem Left Bank Canal which will irrigate about three lakh of acres in Nalgonda district. About, three hundred to four hundred people from the district came here in Delhi and sat on *dharna* to protest against the indifferent attitude of the Government in completion of this Project. Both the SLBC and Telugu Ganga Projects were actually taken up during 1985.

Sir, of course, we are very happy that we are able to complete the Telugu Ganga Project in 10 years time and we are able to get some waters. But still the situation is not a happy one because of the heavy rains and floods.

But at the same time the SLBC Project was also taken up. Ten years are already over but so far nothing has been done in regard to completion of this Project. People are facing a lot of difficulties in getting the drinking water, as the water available at present contains fluoride. Due to that, several hundred people including *Lambadas* came from Nalgonda district and they have staged a *dharana* here in the streets of Delhi. This project would definitely help the people of Nalgonda and Miryalguda districts. There are two districts in my constituency - Nalgonda and Miryalguda - and people from these districts will be definitely benefited in respect of drinking water as well as water for irrigation purposes. Hence, this project should be taken up immediately as the successive Governments had not done it for the last ten years.

During the last Parliament, 480 people filed their nominations including several agricultural labourers, *Lambada* ladies and gentlemen only to show their protest that this project is not being taken up seriously either by the State Government or by the Central Government. So, I request the Government, through you, to take up this cause immediately and do their best.

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SHRI R.L.P. VERMA (Kodarma) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, Dugdha Coalwashery plant No.1 of BCCL under Coal India Limited was closed on October, 26. Neither the Trade Unions nor the authorities were made aware of rhyme and reason for the closure but the authorities of BCCL came and ordered to close down the plant No.1 al of a sudden. It is the only one Coalwashery for Bokaro Steel Plant and is very useful for it but the authorities, on the pretext of heavy contents of ash, closed it so that the decks can be cleared for import of washed coal. About 2000 workers were rendered jobless. The said coalwashery plant No.1 has the production capacity of 6000 tonnes per day and it had produced 5000 tonnes till 2 'o clock of the day when it was closed. If it has any defect or any flaw from security point of view then how it produced 5000 tonnes on that day? Secondly CITU, INTUC, BMS, HMS, and all other Unions had invited me to visit the factory and I went there on November 13 and saw that the plant was fitted on strong iron pillars but the same was closed saying that that was useless. I do not know as to why the plant was closed on October 26 when the covering scheme of the revolving conveyer worth Rs. five crore was working from October 26 to November, 13. Therefore, some scam seems to be there behind it as it shows that it has been closed only to misappropriate the fund on the pretext of its modernisation. The steel plant will get a serious setback due to it. It is a corruption on large scale. Therefore, I demand the Government to conduct a high level C.B.I. enquiry in this regard because the officers of BCCL are there for a long time and the medium level officer reaches the rank of C.M.D. and they all resort to bungling. All the Top posts have been occupied by the corrupt officers who are likely to give a serious setback to Coal India Limited and cause a great loss to the Government of India. They have caused loss to the tune of Rs.56 crore, only on that belt. Therefore, I appeal the Government to get the case enquired by the CBI. Employees of the Plant are not guilty. The office bearers told that there was no defect in the plant and no question of security arises. Therefore, it should be reopened. It is nothing but a well thought conspiracy to render the workers jobless and obtain commission on the import of coal. Likewise, Rs.9 crore expected to be incurred on Damodar River and Railway Diversion (Dr. R.D. Project) scheme under Coal India. A plan was prepared for it but even after 16 years, the plan is still incomplete though Rs. 49 crore have been spent. I want the Government to get this case also enquired so that this country may be protected and steel plant may be run properly.

With these words I, through you, demand the Government by attracting its attention, to get this case enquired immediately. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan who is present in the House, should get this case enquired seriously.

SHRI SHATRUGHAN PRASAD SINGH (Balia) (Bihar) : Mr. Deputy Speaker, Sir, the entire country is facing the shortage of chemical fertiliser. Two fertiliser plants of Bihar namely—Barauni and Sindry are in a dilapidated condition for a long time. The previous Government had sanctioned Rs.126 crore for the revival of these plants but the present Government has not taken any step in this regard. Not only Uttar Pradesh and Bihar but the whole country is facing the crisis of fertiliser. The Government is importing the fertiliser on higher prices but it is not reviving the domestic plants like Baratuni Sindri and Durgapur. For the revival of Barauni plant, a committee of experts was constituted which presented its recommendations. The said recommendations were reviewed but all the proposals in this regard are pending in the Ministry of Fertiliser, Department of Planning and the Ministry of Finance. The farmers are facing shortage of all types of fertilisers be it DAP, Sufala, Urea or Calcium. Barauni is facing shortage of fertilizers in spite of working of a fertilizer